

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the title as follows:

--IMAGING DEVICE, IMAGING DEVICE IMAGE OUTPUT  
METHOD, AND COMPUTER FOR ASSIGNING A DYNAMIC RANGE--

Please amend the abstract as follows:

--An image pickup apparatus ~~capable of~~for performing dynamic assignment of an output image in a dynamic range according to a subject. ~~The image pickup apparatus includes~~  
anAn image pickup device (131) for ~~picking~~picks up an image of a subject, a signal processing section (133) for ~~generating~~generates a composite image having a relatively wider dynamic range than at least either of the dynamic ranges of a long-time exposure image picked up with a relatively long exposure time by the image pickup device and a short-time exposure image picked up with a relatively short exposure time by the image pickup device, by synthesizing the long-time exposure image and the short-time exposure image ~~A~~and a control section (137) for ~~compressing~~compresses the composite image and dynamically varies the assignment proportion of a high luminance dynamic range to a low-middle luminance dynamic range in a dynamic range of an output image to be outputted as a video signal.--